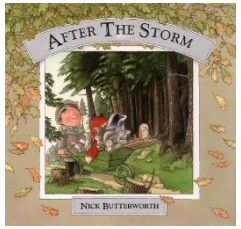
Juniper Hill School

Information for Reception Parents

Term: Autumn 1

Topic: Seasons/Autumn

Two-week topic, starting 12.10.26



Literacy

This week, we will be going on a walk around the orchard and looking for signs of Autumn, using our senses to explore our surroundings. We will also be developing our vocabulary whilst thinking of words to describe what we have seen. We will be reading some fiction and non-fiction books centred around woodland animals and comparing how these books are different and similar. We will be continuing with our daily phonic lessons where we will learn to read and write: **f, e, l, h** as well as re-visiting and reinforcing previous sounds.

- **End points**: Begins to recognise non-fiction vs fiction books
- Respond to simple questions about a known story or event ("Who?" "What?" Where?").

Maths

We will be counting all the different autumn things we find and sorting them by colour/shape/size etc. We will be exploring numbers to 3, including subitising amounts to 3, 1 more and 1 less for numbers to 3 and looking at the composition of numbers to 3. E.g. 2 and 1 make 3. We will be beginning to learn these facts from memory. Within this we will introduce the concept of one more and one less than. Additionally, we will be exploring repeating patterns and having a go at making our own repeating patterns and it's rule.

Topic work

We will be exploring Autumn through using different art techniques, such as printing with different Autumn objects, as well as learning about signs of Autumn and the changes from Summer. We will be thinking about animals that hibernate through the winter months (nocturnal). We will have a particular focus on hedgehogs, where we will role-play Mrs Tiggywinkles vet roles and bake hedgehog biscuits. After half-term, we will be focusing on the celebration of Diwali and Bonfire night.

Ways you can help

- **Resources:** You could go out on an Autumn walk, looking for signs of Autumn. We would welcome any Autumn objects such as colourful leaves, conkers, acorns etc. that you may find. Please note that we will not be able to return these!
- **Stories:** Any stories that you have about Autumn or hedgehogs would also be welcome. (Please name so we can return them to you!)
- **Coats:** As the weather is getting colder, children will need to be wearing their coats in school. Please encourage children to put their coats on themselves, as this helps build their independent skills. If you would like to be shown a useful technique we use in school, we are happy to show you! 😊

Reminders

Reading records: Please remember to write in your child's orange reading record when they practise reading and writing the sounds they have brought home.
Named belongings: Please can you check that your child's clothing and water bottles are still named. Some of the names have come off or have been washed out and this make it difficult for us to repatriate lost items to their owners.
Upcoming: We will be baking hedgehog biscuits in the last week before half term. We will therefore need your consent to allow your child to participate in cooking and food tasting activities. Please see separate cooking & consumables letter and return by the deadline to allow your child to take part.